Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(1) Yes, in the towns.

(2) No special investigation has been made.

(3) Nothing special.

(4) The question of giving a donation and an annual grant to the Madanappilli Sanatorium and getting a few beds reserved for Cochin patients is under consideration.

Alcoholic beverages.

220. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they are aware that Champagne and other light wines are not considered to be alcoholic beverages in France and some other civilised countries;

(b) what guarantee they offer against the subjects of His Majesty migrating to the French Territory for considerations of cheaper living;

(c) how they intend to proceed in the matter with special reference to the intense paucity of funds these days?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) No.

(b) No guarantee is offered.

(c) The Government do not contemplate the taking of any action in the matter.

Officers—Bribes.

221. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the reasons why highly salaried officers who can command margins of savings over and above their costs of living on a liberal standard take bribes;

(b) whether the reputation accumulatedness of money carries with it in the structurally defective society of ours is one of the relevant points with reference to (a);

(c) how the Government intend to neutralise the evil in (a) and (b).

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) Government have no information.

(b) Government cannot say.

(c) No answer is necessary in view of the answers to (a) and (b).

Birth-control.

222. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state what they have done towards the promotion of birth-control with reference to economic and hygienic conditions and what they intend to do in the matter in future?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Nothing.

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